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25X1X. No Soviet naval units were observed to be permanently stationed
in ROSTOCK (M 55/O 81). Only the crews of the ships under re-
pair in the Neptun Shipyard were quartered in kasernes in
ROSTOCK.

2. A Soviet port detail of one hundred men is located in WARNE-
MUENDE (M 55/O 82). Several small naval vessels, presumably
mine-sweeping boats, are permanently stationed in the WARNE-
MUENDE port and would temporarily leave port. The intensive
construction work on jetties and port installations evidences
the increasing importance the Soviet Navy is attributing to
WARNEMUENDE as a naval base.

3. The ROSTOCK Neptun Shipyard is engaged almost exclusively in
repair work on Soviet naval vessels. The following warships
were located there at the time of observation (some of the ships
were confirmed by photographs):

- a. Two Soviet destroyers "Otvashni" and "Svirepi" whose arma-
ment and engines were removed and sent to LENINGRAD.
- b. The former German destroyer "Z 33", now named "Provosnye" (Sic),
whose engines and armament had been reinstalled.
- c. Four former German mine sweepers of type "40" (two of which
at the end of the observation period).
- d. Two escort vessels of about 1,500 gross register tons each,
probably of German origin.
- e. Several small craft.
- f. The skid-speedboat of type "Sachsenberg".

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a. Since several Soviet destroyers have been repaired in the ROSTOCK Neptun Shipyard during the last year, it can be assumed that the shipyard specialized in the repair of destroyers. Repair work on highly developed destroyer engines and armament calls for an efficient staff of specialists. The progress of repair work is slow, since the German workers appear to be working with reluctance and no Soviet specialists are available. The repair work on the destroyer "Provosnye" nevertheless appears to be nearly completed, although much finishing work may remain to be done on the complicated high-pressure superheated steam engines.

b. The skid-speedboat was repeatedly observed in ROSTOCK and reported to be heavily guarded. It is believed, however, that the craft will probably be of little use in wartime as it is not seaworthy.

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